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OWNER:- Mrs. Inga Peterson.

DATE OF ERECTION:- 1855-56.

BUILDER:- William Metcalf.

PRESENT CONDITION:- Building in fair condition though periodically flooded by flood waters of the Chehalis River, less than 30 feet distant, which has taken over a roadway and threatens to undermine the house before many years.

NUMBER OF STORIES:- Two stories with no basement.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION:- Walls and partitions built of boards placed vertically; siding of outside walls $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 inches to the weather; window frames project into rooms from $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches to allow for double hung windows. Walls, partitions and ceiling are cedar, and covered with wall paper, floors linoleum covered. Two of the rooms in original condition show boards varying from 6 to 20 inches wide with joints covered with strips $\frac{1}{2}$ inch by 3 inches. Original fireplaces were replaced with chimneys because of their bad condition.

OTHER EXISTING RECORDS:- Post card photograph of building in its original state reproduced, and filed. The lumber was cut at Cedar Creek Mill at Cederville, while Mr. Scammon went east to bring back his wife Lorinda. The first house, built 1852, was torn down when the present structure was built. The house was used as Post Office, Mr. Scammon being the first Postmaster; also as Court House and Hotel, it having been made the County Seat in 1860; the Commissioners Court Sessions were held there as witnessed by Mr. Justice P. Luark, of South Montesano. The Indians in the location are reported to have been friendly to the White Settlers.

Historic data obtained from Mr. Justice P. Luark, of South Montesano, and taken from his grandfathers diary, and from Judge Wm. E. Campbell, of Montesano, whose mother was a daughter of Isaiah Scammon.

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